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Re Mrs. 3

Sept. 15, 1926.

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Dear Sir:-

In company with Mr. Watson last evening I called upon George Sipel. Mr. Sipel informed us that on the previous day he and his wife had been to Somerville, and while there he had signed a statement prepared by the prosecution. This statement only included part of his story, that is, the portion of it which dealt with the efforts he made on the night of September 14th. to see Mrs. Russell. They did not include in the statement that part of his testimony which should deal with his being approached by Mrs. Gibson, and her offer of \$100 if he would corroborate her testimony. The portion of Sipel's story which the prosecution took, and which Mr. Sipel repeated in the presence of both Mr. Watson and myself, is as follows:

About three months prior to Sept. 14, 1922, Sipel sold Mrs. Russell some pigs, cows and horses, and received from her a promissory note on account of the purchase price. She made some payments on the note, but being away from home all the time, and no one being around her place to care for the cattle, they died off, and on the Sunday preceding the 14th day of September, while Sipel and his wife were away to Church, Mrs. Russell came to his farm and left the horse which she had previously secured from him, tied in his farm yard. On his return he found the animal there, and saw that it was in bad shape and liable to die.

The following day, namely; on Monday, he came into New Brunswick and saw Officer Knouth, and told him about the condition of the animal, and that it was likely to die. Knouth promised to come out and make an inspection, but did not do so. The following day,